

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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Chemical Spill, Potentially Hazardous Undetermined Quantity
Detroit River, Riverview, MI, FMT Chemical Spill, Construction
Site, 5D 009/80

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Duty Officer, National Response Center
ATTN: Ensign Smith

Reference is made to your phone calls concerning the subject 1979-1980
incident.

I have reviewed our present file on the site and the following is
based on that review and my recollection.

Potential problems with the site were identified to USEPA in a
routine site assessment report received by USEPA Great Lakes National
Program Office in July 1979.

Subsequent construction activities at the site uncovered buried
wastes including various containers, in November 1979. My records
include POLREPS 1, 2, and 7 from MSO Detroit. POLREP 7 - 6/11/87 -
indicates MSO Detroit planned to evaluate success of work.

This incident started prior to passage of Superfund at a time when
programmatic responsibility for emergency response by USEPA Region V
was in another division in our Chicago office, although a responder
was physically located here. At the time the responsibilities of
the unit I was associated with here were of a monitoring nature,
thus our files may be incomplete on this matter from an RRT stand-
point.

Certain remedial activities were conducted by the then former owner
of the site. The site is capped with a grass cover and portions
are now developed for recreational parking.

Thus the site is no longer a potential pollution case and your file
on the incident may be closed.

Should you need any more information please contact me at
(313) 675-3622.

bcc: Robert J. Bowden, Chief, ERS, 5HRGI

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